



## AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

CLARA BARTON CHAPTER NO. 1

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In tribute to Miss Barton, her Dansville neighbors organized, August 22, 1881, the "Dansville Society of the Red Cross," which now bears her name and is designated as Chapter No. 1.

Church Secretary  
Christ Church Methodist  
520 Park Avenue  
New York 21, N.Y.

Dear Friend:

We have been trying for two weeks to make sure that a letter sent to Dr. Sockman by registered mail actually reached him or was received by some responsible person in his absence. It was sent to his residence address, because we were under the impression that he had become minister emeritus. However, it would doubtless have been sensible to direct it to the church.

The letter contained data on which our Chapter based its nomination of Clara Barton to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans. It was three pages long, with two additional pages of quotations from newspaper tributes. It was signed for by "George Filippidis," without the inclusion of Dr. Sockman's name in the space where it should have been written. There is nothing, therefore, on the receipt to show that the envelope was not addressed to the man who signed for it.

This troubled us, and we next sent a special delivery letter, using the return address of the writer of this letter, so that it would not be associated with the earlier letter. Nothing has been heard in reply to that. The first letter was written January 10 and the second January 14.

We assume that Dr. Sockman is out of town, and that the mail is being held for him, but in view of the effort we have made, we would like some assurance. A registered letter should not be lying in the lobby of an apartment house.

If you know of some way of solving this problem, we would be very grateful. A return envelope is enclosed. (Because the New York papers are not being published, and those several weeks old have been discarded at our Public Library, we could not check by a Saturday issue to find whether Dr. Sockman's name is still given as minister of the church.)

Sincerely yours,

W.D. Conklin

*W.D. Conklin* Public Information Chm.

[ The Chapter House is a Memorial to Emma Hartman Noyes, a Charter Member of the Chapter. It was her home for many years. In 1949, it was presented to the American Red Cross by her sons and daughter— ]

Nicholas H. Noyes, Jansen Noyes, and Katherine F. Noyes.

cc: Exec. Sec'y